

January

JANUARY 5-7, 2012

Grand American Coon Hunt

This is the nation's largest field trial for coon dogs and a qualifying event for the World Coon Hunt. Dogs earn points for trailing and treeing raccoons, but the animals are not killed or harmed. Dogs also compete for the best breed.

orangeburgchamber.com • 803.534.6821 • Orangeburg

JANUARY 14-15, 2012

Battle of Cowpens Anniversary Celebration

Cowpens National Battlefield hosts the anniversary of this key battle of the Revolution. Living history encampments, tactical demonstrations and lantern-lit walks from 6-8:30 p.m. are among the scheduled events.

nps.gov/cowp • 864.461.2828 • Chesnee

JANUARY 21, 2012

Greenville News Run Downtown

5K Run starting at Broad Street and Spring Street finishing at Greenville News on Main Street. Event includes a 5K walk.

greenvilleonline.com/rundowntown • 864.298.4729 • Greenville

JANUARY 27-29, 2012

Charleston Boat Show

Now in its 32nd year, the Charleston Boat Show is the place to find the latest and best in marine equipment, supplies and accessories. Demonstrations, children's activities, coastal cuisine and entertainment make this a maritime event for the entire family.

thecharlestonboatshow.com • 843.529.5011 • Greenville

JANUARY 29, 2012

Lowcountry Oyster Festival

Oyster Fest activities include the Oyster Shucking Contest, Oyster Eating Contest, Oyster Recipe Contest and local live entertainment. Aside from plenty of oysters, there's a Food Court offering taste-tempting selections from some of the Lowcountry's most popular restaurants.

charlestonrestaurantassociation.com • 843.452.6088 • Charleston

February

FEBRUARY 1-29, 2012

Hilton Head Island Gullah Celebration

A showcase of the arts, crafts, foods and history of the Native Island Gullah people. Events include a monthlong art exhibit, a gospel extravaganza, National Freedom Day Celebration, Taste of Gullah, De Gullah Playhouse and an arts, crafts and food expo.

gullahcelebration.com • 843.689.9314 • Hilton Head Island

FEBRUARY 4, 2012

Sandblast Road Rally

Sandblast Rally, sanctioned by NASA Rally Sport, is a rally racing event that takes place on closed roads throughout the Sand Hills State Forest. High horsepower, all-wheel drive vehicles blast through the woods at speeds over 120 miles per hour. The two-wheel drive cars fight a very competitive battle, with driver skill coming to the forefront as they tackle the sandy roads. Motorcycles also compete.

sandblastrally.com/2011/index.php • 919.697.5282 • Patrick

FEBRUARY 10-21, 2012

Lowcountry Blues Bash

The best blues festival in the Southeast! A 12-day event with more than 50 acts of traditional and contemporary blues performing at some 20+ locations throughout the city.

bluesbash.com • 843.762.9125 • Charleston

FEBRUARY 11, 2012

Hilton Head Half Marathon 10K/5K

Scenic course thru two parks and over the Broad Creek.

bearfootsports.com • 843.757.8520 • Bluffton

FEBRUARY 15-19, 2012

Beaufort International Film Festival

The Beaufort International Film Festival is a celebration of Southern culture including an internationally recognized film festival, art walk, art show and lively parties in various Lowcountry settings.

beaufortfilmfestival.com • 843.522.3196 Ext. 22 • Beaufort

FEBRUARY 16-18, 2012

Myrtle Beach Marathon

Thousands of runners from across the country converge in Myrtle Beach for this annual winter marathon. The weekend-long event includes a health and fitness expo, the RBC Bank 5K, Ripley's Family Fun Run, Ripley's Post Race Party, BI-LO Marathon, Dasani Half Marathon and House of Blues Post Race Party.

mbmarathon.com • 843.293.7223 • Myrtle Beach

FEBRUARY 17-19, 2012

Southeastern Wildlife Exposition

The largest wildlife and nature event of its kind, SEWE features artwork by 120 wildlife painters, sculptors and carvers, plus educational wildlife shows, falconry demonstrations, retriever demonstrations, lectures, outdoor outfitters and guides, fun children's activities and much more.

sewe.com • 843.723.1748 • Charleston

FEBRUARY 17-19, 2012

Weekend of Mystery

While you enjoy The Sanctuary's amenities and exquisite fine dining, several murders are going to take place. Follow the twists and unravel the clues to narrow down suspects and find the murderer.

kiawahresortevents.com • 843.452.1486 • Kiawah Island

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FEBRUARY 23–24, 2012

African American Heritage Days

Join a celebration of African American culture and history through demonstrations, re-enactments, performances, hands-on experiences and more!

ccprc.com • 843.572.7275 • Charleston

FEBRUARY 24–25, 2012

Victory Along the Santee River with Francis Marion Living History

Victory along the Santee River provides a glimpse and shares the view of life on the backcountry frontier of the Santee River. Re-enactors demonstrate living history such as: quill writing, gunsmithing, blacksmithing, woodworking, cannon and musket firing, soap and candle making and many other activities.

francismarioncountry.com • 803.478.2645 • Summerton

FEBRUARY 25, 2012

Lexington's Race Against Hunger

A 10K run, 5K fitness walk/run and a 1-mile fun run through the heart of Lexington. Starts and finishes at Saxe Gotha Presbyterian Church on Hwy 378. The event raises awareness of local and world hunger. All profits feed the hungry locally and worldwide.

lexrah.org • 803.359.7770 Ext. 20 • Lexington

FEBRUARY 25–26, 2012

Battle of Aiken

Civil War history comes alive with 20 cannons, 100 cavalry horses and 1,000 living history experts from the movies "Gettysburg" and "Glory."

BattleofAiken.org • 803.642.2500 • Aiken

March

MARCH 1–4, 2012

BB&T Charleston Wine + Food Festival

A wine and food event like no other, this festival provides guests the opportunity educate their palates with Southern cuisine and the Lowcountry's unique food styles, heritage and recipes at one of the 50+ events throughout the weekend.

charlestonwineandfood.com • 843.727.9998 • Charleston

MARCH 1–4, 2012

Friendship Cup

This two-man team tournament for amateur players sponsored by the Greg Norman Collection is contested over Kiawah's world-famous Ocean Course, site of the 2012 PGA Championship, and the Jack Nicklaus-designed Turtle Point Golf Course. Enjoy lavish receptions, hospitality suites, dinner in The Ocean Room, fabulous prizes and The Spa at the Sanctuary (for non-playing guests).

kiawahresort.com/special-events/friendship-cup.php • 843.452.1486 • Kiawah Island

MARCH 2–4, 2012

Craftsmen's Spring Classic Arts & Crafts Festival

Features original work from over 300 talented artists and crafts people. All juried exhibitors' work has been handmade by the exhibitors and must be their own original design and creation.

gilmoreshow.com/craftsmens_classics_myrtle_summer.shtml • 336.282.5550 • Myrtle Beach

MARCH 2–4, 2012

Winyah Bay Heritage Festival

A celebration of art, decoys, hunting, fishing and conservation in the Winyah Bay area. Events include over 50 exhibitors, children's decoy painting and fish printing, storytelling, retriever demonstrations, art and conservation exhibits.

winyahbay.org • 843.546.4500 • Georgetown

MARCH 8–11, 2012

Women's Golf Getaway

The perfect three-day women's getaway combines great golf and instruction, elegant receptions, delicious regional cuisine and luxurious accommodations at The Sanctuary at Kiawah Island Golf Resort. Enjoy instruction from two of the top golf pros in the industry, golf rounds and relaxation on Kiawah Island.

kiawahresort.com/special-events/womens-golf-getaway.php • 843.768.6828 • Kiawah Island

MARCH 10, 2012

Flowertown Run

This 10K is a great warm-up race for Charleston's Cooper River Bridge Run! Our course takes you through the quaint Town of Summerville, past beautiful gardens and historic homes.

summervillemca.org • 843.871.9622 Ext. 120 • Summerville

MARCH 10, 2012

Trash to Treasures

Elloree's historic downtown will be full of vendors during the town's annual town-wide yard sale. Local merchants and visiting vendors will offer items including custom art and framing, estate jewelry, handmade baskets and many other craft items. Food vendors will be present.

elloreesouthcarolina.com • 803.897.2821 • Elloree

MARCH 10–18, 2012

Canadian-American Days Festival

Activities take place at various sites along the Grand Strand. This grand celebration welcomes Canadian and American visitors on spring break to a festival of sporting events, concerts, historical tours, St. Patrick's Day events and more.

canamdays.com • 843.626.7444 • Myrtle Beach

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MARCH 11–15, 2012

Kiawah Island Golf Resort National Pro Am

PGA club professionals from all across the US, along with three of their members, will tee it up during Kiawah Island Golf Resort National Pro Am. The 72-hole stroke play event will be held on four of Kiawah Island Golf Resort's championship courses. The tournament format includes four-man best ball gross and net, as well as professional stroke play.

kiawahresort.com/golf/tournaments-events/national-club-championship.php • 843.768.6828 • Kiawah Island

MARCH 17, 2012

Shamrock 5K Run—Hilton Head Island

Join over 300 of your Irish friends during the 16th Annual Running of the Green. The Hilton Head Shamrock 5K (3.1 miles) run and health walk will be held on March 17th at 8 a.m.

bearfootsports.com • 843.757.8520 • Bluffton

MARCH 17, 2012

St. Patrick's Day Festival

A day of music, crafts, food and entertainment for everyone to feel a wee bit Irish. The festival is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and starts off with a parade down Main Street. Immediately following the parade enjoy live entertainment, great food and arts and craft vendors.

stpatnmb.com • 843.280.5570 • North Myrtle Beach

MARCH 17, 2012

WingFest

Come out for a finger lickin' good time at the Hargray WingFest, Hilton Head Island's largest annual one-day festival. Get your taste buds ready for variety of wings and sauces. Restaurants and organizations will make their best attempts to garner the top awards for the finest wings and sauces at this mega event.

islandreccenter.org • 843.681.7273 • Hilton Head Island

MARCH 20–24, 2012

Charleston Fashion Week

Charleston magazine presents the third annual Charleston Fashion Week, a five-night celebration of fashion and Charleston's burgeoning retail and design communities.

charlestonfashionweek.com • 843.971.9811 Ext. 331 • Charleston

MARCH 22–APRIL 21, 2012

Charleston Festival of Houses and Gardens

The annual Festival of Houses & Gardens provides a rare opportunity for visitors to explore the private houses and gardens of Charleston's beautiful historic district.

historiccharleston.org • 843.722.3405 • Charleston

MARCH 23–25, 2012

Palmetto Sportsmen's Classic

The largest family-oriented wildlife show in the Carolinas, it features presentations on archery, animal displays, fishing, hunting and conservation. Activities held for adults and children throughout the show.

psclassic.com • 803.734.4008 • Columbia

MARCH 23–25, 2012

Renofest Bluegrass Music Festival

This three-day festival includes a bluegrass band contest, free bluegrass block party, BBQ fundraiser, workshops, guitar and banjo competitions, an open mic stage, plus performances by nationally recognized groups.

renofest.com • 843.332.1600 • Hartsville

MARCH 24, 2012

Aiken Spring Steeplechase

Watch horses pound the plush turf and soar over fences at the Aiken Spring Steeplechase! Steeplechasing mixes in the precision of jumping to create a hybrid not unlike hurdle events in track and field where the premium is on speed, but the concern is focused squarely on the jumps.

aikensteeplechase.com • 803.648.9641 • Aiken

MARCH 31, 2012

Arts International

Arts International is a festival of performing and visual arts. The festival features a wide variety of dance, music, theatrical performances and song. Performances are scheduled on five stages (indoors and outdoors) with events changing hourly.

fmarion.edu/news/artsinternational • 843.661.1225 • Florence

MARCH 31, 2012

Carolina Cup

This annual rite of spring draws over 70,000 fans from throughout the Southeast, to enjoy the thrilling sport of steeplechase horse racing amid a flurry of spring fashions and elaborate tailgate parties. Old friends meet and new friends are made during the afternoon of seven races.

carolina-cup.org • 803.432.6513 • Camden

MARCH 31–APRIL 1, 2012

Columbia International Festival

See the artifacts, curios, costumes and souvenirs of about 60 countries while experiencing the artistic and cultural richness of the world.

ifmusa.org/festival • 803.799.3452 • Columbia

MARCH 31–APRIL 8, 2012

Family Circle Cup

Now in its 38th year as a premier women's tennis event, the Family Circle Cup features some of the biggest names in professional tennis. It is also the longest-running title sponsor of women's professional tennis.

familycirclecup.com • 843.856.7900 • Daniel Island